



# THE OLD RUSSELLIANS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2014

Please see below all the forthcoming O.R. events to which you will be invited by email. Please note that all of these are free of charge!

**Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Service at 10am in Chapel - please email [headmaster@royalrussell.co.uk](mailto:headmaster@royalrussell.co.uk) if you are attending**

**Saturday 22nd November: Old Russellians AGM at 10am in the Performing Arts Centre, Committee Room Please confirm attendance**

**Sunday 14 December: RRS Senior Carol Service in Great Hall at 6pm - Everyone welcome just come along**

**Saturday 21 March 2015: O.R. Annual Footie Tournament organised by Mr Steve Greaves**

**Saturday 16 May 2015: O.R. Biennial Reunion - A Day of Family Fun at Royal Russell school**

**Friday 19 June 2015: Riverside Reunion at The Anchor pub on Bankside from 7pm - 9pm**

## PRE-1975 LEAVERS' REUNION - 10 JUNE



## ANNUAL RIVERSIDE REUNION



## VISITS

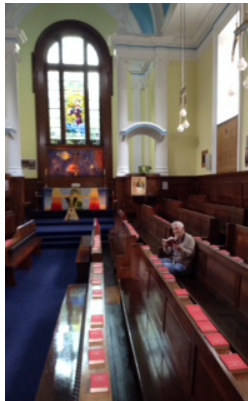
A Visit from Colin Barrable to Andrew Foot Old Russellian, Colin Barrable (at school 1951-1956) visited ex Senior Master, Andrew Foot, at his home tucked away in a remote village in Cornwall during July 2014. At 87 years old, Andrew still conducts services in the estate church and umpires for the local cricket team!



## LOOKING FOR FRIENDS

Don't forget if you are looking for ex friends from school and the social network sites can't help, you can ask us!! We have over 6,000 records on the O.R. database, and we also post onto our website when looking for someone. Check this out here: [http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/ConnectingwithOldRussellians/Finding\\_Friends.php](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/ConnectingwithOldRussellians/Finding_Friends.php)

Recent O.R. visits to RRS included Ian Jones and Paul Carter Thompson, both of whom left in 1973 (pictured right). And Leonard Baldwin, now living in Canada who was at school 1933-1941. The full articles and photos can be found on the website.



## LONDON LOOP FOR CHARITY

Royal Russell has been inspired by Old Russellian, Sadie France. We would like to invite you all to join with us, in this new Challenge, for Sadie, for Teens Unite Against Cancer, for everyone who wants to celebrate the lives of our amazing young people. The Old Russellians are invited to join in by walking part of the London Loop. More information will be available on the website and on request from Chairman, John Piggin.



## WHERE 'R' THEY NOW?

By Harvey Jones (Year 13)

After my last article on Norman Morrison, I was amazed with the positive responses I had been given by teachers and students. After my enjoyment in writing Norman's article, I was delighted to hear from his sister, Noreen, and am grateful that Noreen has paid such a great interest in the school newspaper 'r' and also the school. The article can be found in O.R. Stories: [http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O\\_R\\_Stories/index.php](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/O_R_Stories/index.php)



Ena Harrop (née Lopez) 2002-2006 We were delighted to hear that ex Spanish teacher, Ena Lopez (married to PE teacher Glen Harrop) has been appointed Head-teacher of the City of London School for Girls. Their website states that after 3 years as Director of Studies the Governors reached a unanimous decision in her appointment as Head. She is loving her new role and her husband and 3 daughters are all very proud of her achievement.



## O.R. WAR HERO COMMEMORATED IN TWO COUNTRIES



Old Russellian, Flying Officer Gerald Hood, was commemorated again in two countries on 4th May 2014. This date annually is Remembrance Day in the Netherlands where Gerald Hood, surviving a crashed Lancaster bomber, was amazingly hidden by the Dutch underground from the Nazi occupiers for seven months. Betrayed just before the war ended in 1945, Hood resisted three days of interrogation by the German police, refusing to reveal names of his helpers, taken to Vloedveld wood near Almelo and then murdered. Each year his killing is marked in a woodland ceremony attended by up to 200 villagers. Many are the grandchildren and other relatives of Dutch families who risked death themselves for hiding a Royal Air Force Officer. The town band play Elgar and 'Abide With Me' and infant schoolchildren each carry a single flower to Gerald Hood's killing spot.

The full story is in the School's Book of Remembrance and the Library block contains mementos and Hood's medals. The website link is: <http://www.lancaster-lm658.co.uk/>

This year, concurrent exactly with the time of the Dutch ceremony, a wreath was laid at London's new Bomber Command Memorial on behalf of Royal Russell School and The Old Russellians by O.R. committee member Brian Angel, pictured right.



## CRONX BEER



Old Russellian Simon Dale (at school 1993-2000), met up with Mark Russell shortly before the London riots in 2011 at a beer festival, and found they both were having thoughts about starting up a new brewery in the area. Both born and raised in Croydon, where there has been no commercial brewery since 1954, the riots and subsequent renewal of community spirit convinced them to push ahead with their plans. After nearly a year of test brewing, planning and trying to find financial backing, The Cronx Brewery was formed. They had their commercial brewery equipment delivered on 10th July 2012, brewed for the first time commercially on 18th July 2012, and had their first beers on sale in Croydon pubs on Wednesday 8th August 2012, exactly one year after the riots occurred in Croydon. The first year of trading beat all expectations, and they now brew five permanent beers, as well as a range of special seasonal and one-off brews. Well done guys!!

## CONGRATULATIONS



Vicki Jennings (at school 1996-2005) married Andrew Sanderson in the RRS Chapel on Sunday 25th May 2014. The reception was held in a marquee on Chapel Quad following the service. It was a truly happy and memorable occasion for all who attended. We wish the happy couple a long and happy marriage.

Congratulations to Charlotte Bell (at school 1996-2006) who married Richard Cartwright at St Christopher's Chapel, Royal Russell, on Thursday 29th May 2014.



Congratulations to Grace Liu (at school 1999-2006) who married Bryden on Saturday 31st May. The wedding took place in Hong Kong and among the guests were: Graham Moseley (RRS staff), Jenny Chiang (at school 2001-2006) was Maid of Honour and other O.R.s included Catherine Yung (at school 2004-2009), Silvia Chen Wen (at school 2003-2008) and Mon Lam (at school 2003-2005) were amongst the Bridesmaids. Eva Li (pictured here with Grace & Bryden and at school 2008-2012), Eva Cheng (at school 2001-2003), June Mo (at school 2004-2006), Rowena Zhang (at school 1999-2003) and Grace's sister Karen (at school 1999-2001) also joined the celebrations.



## CONDOLENCES



Nilay Patel was at school from 1985-1992. He was Head Boy and Head of Crispin House in his last year. He was a Doctor of Urology and lectured at Jesus College, Oxford. He leaves behind a wife and 2 small children. This is tragic news and the many tributes received were posted on the website and can be viewed at: [http://www.royal-russell.co.uk/announcements/In\\_Memoriam.php](http://www.royal-russell.co.uk/announcements/In_Memoriam.php)

Colin Johnson (at school 1944-1951) very sadly died of a heart attack at the age of 79 on 23rd July 2014. The full obituary, provided by Pat Bygate, can be found at: [http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/announcements/In\\_Memoriam.php](http://www.royalrussell.co.uk/announcements/In_Memoriam.php)

We have also recently heard news that Bryan Peck and Malcolm Gamlen have recently died.

If anyone has any photos or an obituary they can send us for the website, we would be very grateful.



## DONATIONS & BEQUESTS

Old Russellians wishing to leave a bequest to benefit the current school and pupils should use the term '**Russell School Trust**' (not Royal Russell School) in their Will to avoid any confusion with the original charitable trust. More details regarding this are on the website.